



### Youth Sports Code of Conduct

The El Cajon Parks and Recreation Department requires its staff, spectators, participants, and parents to recognize the following expectations in order to maintain a positive, safe, and healthy youth sports program. These guidelines support the department's mission to *"develop youth, support families, and provide safe places."*

- I will uphold good sportsmanship for my child, self, and family members.
- I will positively support coaches and officials. I may not always agree with the coaches and officials decisions, but I will not question their integrity.
- I will remember that the game is for each child's development, whether beginner or advanced.
- I will do my best to make youth sports fun for all participants as well as my child, by supporting the program goals.
- I will attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it.
- I will applaud good plays by members of both teams.
- I will not heckle, jeer, or distract players, parents, or spectators of either team.
- **Zero Tolerance Policy**  
I will create an environment free from: drugs and alcohol, violence or threats of violence, intimidation or harassment, gambling or solicitation, profanity or abusive language, object throwing, vandalism, or property damage.

**I have carefully read this Youth Sports Code of Conduct and fully understand, and agree, to uphold its contents.**

**I acknowledge that failure to abide by the Youth Sports Code of Conduct shall be cause for suspension or expulsion from the league.**



Penalties against the Youth Sports Code of Conduct:

- **Any minor infraction:** A verbal request or warning will be given by a coach, referee or youth sports administrator and it is expected that the reason for the warning will stop immediately.
- **Subsequent infractions:** The offending person or player will be asked to leave the playing area immediately until the next scheduled event and/or season. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to request a one-on-one meeting prior to reentry.
- **Serious or consistent infractions:** The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to take action as it deems necessary up to, and including, permanent dismissal from the youth sports leagues and playing areas.